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AYKAZYAN REPLY TO GANLEY LETTER

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SUMMARY. AYKAZYAN'S REPLY TO GANLEY STRESSED ACCORD OF VIEWS; REPEATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ACCOMPANYING WIVES DESPITE PROBLEMS; SUGGESTED WIVES USE INTOURIST SERVICES; AGREED WITH TIME LIMITS ON SETTING ITINERARY AND NAMING DELEGATION AND REPORTED THAT THESE LIMITS HAVE BEEN PASSED AS RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN; AND EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT GANLEY COME TO MOSCOW BEFORE NEXT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MEETING CALLED BY SCST 30 JULY, DVORETS PROVIDED SCIOFF COPY OF AYKAZYAN'S RESPONSE TO GANLEY LETTER (REF A; SCIOFF HAD EARLIER PROVIDED GANLEY LETTER TO ALLOW DISCUSSION AT MEETING.) TEXT OF AYKAZYAN LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR DR. GANLEY, IT WAS VERY PLEASANT TO ME TO READ YOUR LETTER OF 24 JULY AND TO BECOME CONVINCED THAT OUR OPINIONS COINCIDE ON PRACTICALLY ALL ASPECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF TRIPS OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN DELGATIONS.

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A) IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF YOU RECEIVED AN INACCURATE IMPRESSION OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD RECEIVING WIVES OF AMERICAN

SPECIALISTS IN THE USSR. ALTHOUGH THE TRAVEL OF WIVES WITH MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS REQUIRES IN CERTAIN CASES THE ADDITIONAL WORK TO ORGANIZE THE VISIT OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS, WE DO NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTION TO THEIR COMING. IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE SOVIE SIDE WERE INFORMED IN ADVANCE IF WIVES ARE TO ACCOMPANY. WE ALSO THINK THAT USING THE SERVICES OF OUR AGENCY "INTOURIST" BY WIVES OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WILL PUT THEM IN A POSITION TO ARRANGE THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES WHILE THEIR HUSBANDS ARE BUSY IN BUSINESS MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.

B) I AM COMPLETELY IN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR PROPOSALS REGARDING PERIODS OF TIME OF NOTIFICATION OF THE SIDES ON THE DATES OF ARRIVAL AND MAKE-UP OF DELEGATIONS. THEY WILL BE CONVEYED TO ALL SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUPS WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION TO CARRY THEM OUT IN ADMINISTERING THE EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS.

C) IT WOULD BE VERY PLEASANT AND USEFUL TO MEET WITH YOU IN MOSCOW IN THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER FOR A DISCUSSION OF ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. WITH SINCERE RESPECT, E. AYKAYAN. END QUOTE.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF AYKAZYAN RESPONSE, DVORETS STRESSED THAT GANLEY PRESENCE WOULD BE NECESSARY A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING TO WORK OUT SUCH QUESTIONS AS AGENDA AND MAKE-UP OF DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING WIVES), AS WELL AS TO EXPLAIN TO SOVIET HOSTS WHAT THE AMERICAN GUESTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

4. WHEN SCIOFF 1 AUGUST REPORTED DR. STEVER'S ACCEPTANCE OF 13-14 OCTOBER DATES FOR MEETING (REFS C AND D), DVORETS AGAIN EXPRESSED SCST DESIRE TO MEET WITH GANLEY AND SCIOFF IN SEPTEMBER. IN REGARD GANLEY'S PLANNING, NOTE MOSCOW 10763.

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5. COPY OF AYKAZYAN LETTER POUCHED REGISTRY 1907265.
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